

The FCC, by approving this petition, will be taking away my choice in access to the internet. The internet was established primarily with taxpayers dollars and as a taxpayer I believe access should not be restricted by a few large corporations. Although the connection is being made via a local telephone company it is only a connection and has a finite cost. We should not be creating an environment that would allow a monopoly to artificially inflate connection costs forcing independent access providers out of the market. This access should remain open to competition.

I DO NOT WISH TO BE FORCED TO PURCHASE MY INTERNET SERVICES FROM MY REGIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY. Please keep in mind that the local telephone companies ARE monopolies in the areas they "serve". Therefore by deregulating you will not be promoting free enterprise, you will be giving control of the entire US market to a few monopolies. After all, what happened to competition in the local phone service market? The way I hear it local phone companies allowed competition in local phone service only long enough to obtain approval to provide long distance service. Competition mysteriously vanished once that goal was achieved.